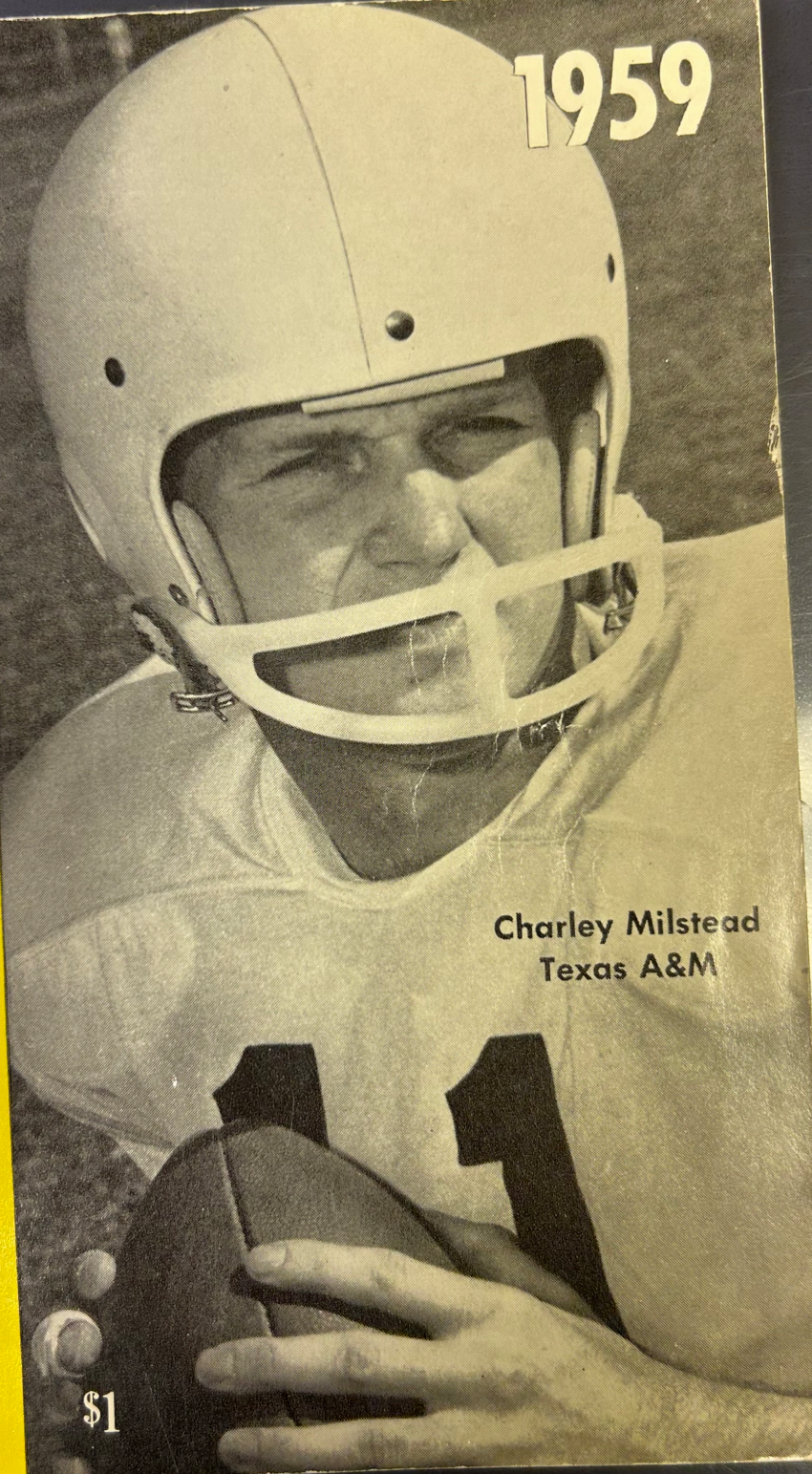


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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1958

Louisiana State was the choice of the writers' and coaches' polls as college football's unofficial national champion, at the conclusion of the 1958 season. Much later, following the post-season bowl games, the Football Writers Association of America entered a dissenting voice, by voting its Grantland Rice Award to Iowa.

The AP poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the UPI poll of coaches was begun in 1950. Representing the combined opinions of observers across the country, they are the most popularly accepted electors to mythical national title honors. Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies, symbolized the championship from 1924 to 1936. The roll of titlists thus designated:

1958—LSU	1949—Notre Dame	1940—Minnesota	1931—So. California
1957—Auburn, Ohio St.	1948—Michigan	1939—Texas A&M	1930—Notre Dame
1956—Oklahoma	1947—Notre Dame	1938—T.C.U.	1929—Notre Dame
1955—Oklahoma	1946—Notre Dame	1937—Pittsburgh	1928—So. California
1954—Ohio St., UCLA	1945—Army	1936—Minnesota	1927—Illinois
1953—Maryland	1944—Army	1935—S.M.U.	1926—Stanford
1952—Michigan State	1943—Notre Dame	1934—Minnesota	1925—Dartmouth
1951—Tennessee	1942—Ohio State	1933—Michigan	1924—Notre Dame
1950—Oklahoma	1941—Minnesota	1932—Michigan	

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1958

The most successful major teams of the past quarter century, according to ratings produced by the press association polls, have been Notre Dame and Oklahoma. Counting 10 points for each season-end first place rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 106 points, the Sooners 88, with the rest far behind:

1. Notre Dame .. 106	5. Army .. 61	9. U.C.L.A. ... 40	13. California ... 30
2. Oklahoma 88	6. Ohio State ... 54	10. Georgia Tech . 36	14. Maryland ... 28
3. Michigan 67	7. Mich. State .. 48	11. Navy 35	15. LSU 27
4. Tennessee 63	8. Minnesota ... 41	12. Alabama 31	15. Iowa 27

THE GRANTLAND RICE AWARD

This post-bowl-games award, representing the FWAA selection committee's title choice, was presented to UCLA in 1954, Oklahoma in 1955 and 1956, Ohio State in 1957 and Iowa in 1958.

as Louisiana State, Iowa and the Air Force Academy soared to success on it and into bowl games.

Generally, the credit for this style of attack has been given to Coach David Nelson of Delaware and it seems to have caught on like nothing since Clark Shaughnessy's Stanford T-formation took the nation by storm in 1940 and thereafter.

Regardless of the modus operandi, many of the front ranking teams of 1958 will be back in contention for the Football Writers' annual Grantland Rice Award, emblematic of the national championship.

Forest Evashevski's sensational Iowa Rose Bowl team won this award last January. Expected to be back in the front ranks this year with the Hawkeyes are Louisiana State, victor in the Sugar Bowl; Oklahoma, the Orange Bowl winner; Auburn, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Ohio State, Southern Methodist and Penn State, to name several.

As usual, the list of coaching changes among the more than 600 teams in over 60 conferences, was rather long and not a few of these changes were startling.

The Black Knights of the Hudson, who had a spectacular year in 1958, will hardly seem the same now that the colorful colonel has quit after so many great years. His replacement is Dale Hall, a member of his staff.

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